

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A technique of translating the data structure of a data group pertaining to a computer form from a first format to a second format, is disclosed. A method implementing this technique includes the steps of correlating data fields of the first format with data fields of the second format, identifying data fields from the data group corresponding to the first format, and replacing field identifiers of the identified data fields with field identifiers of the data fields of the second format based on the results of the correlating step. The technique allows a system to easily correlate unrecognizable field names, such as those used in ECML format, with recognizable field names, such as merchant-specific proprietary names, and to process data associated with the unrecognizable field names without having to extensively modify the entire system.

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